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IS LITERALLY CUT TO PIECES

Foreigner at Catsburg Saturday Night in Drunken Brawl Slashed from Head to Foot

ASSAILANT IS ARRESTED

George Erlingo a foreigner was literally cut to pieces in a drunken brawl at Catsburg on Saturday by a man who is registered on the police dockets as John Doe. Erlingo was terribly injured and it is extremely doubtful if he will live. Dr. H. T. Billick who attended him has little hope for his recovery.

The affair happened at about 1 o'clock Saturday evening. The couple had been out with a friend for a celebration and were visiting at a countryman's house when a quarrell arose between Erlingo, it is understood about a glass of beer. Soon they were fighting. Doe pulled a knife and before anyone could prevent began slashing away at Erlingo's body. Before the affair was terminated the latter's body had been cut in a hundred places, from head to foot. It took Dr. Billick who was called two hours to fix up the man's injuries.

Doe was captured by the police and is in the lockup. He will be given a hearing tomorrow and will probably be held pending the result of Erlingo's injuries. Both are laborers and reside at Catsburg.

SALE SIGN FALLS ON WOMAN'S HEAD

Yesterday morning as Mrs. Elizabeth Feightner, a well known resident of Monessen was returning home from church she was struck by a sign hung in front of one of the stores on Donner avenue, and badly injured. The sign was one announcing a stupendous sale at a place which "had been forced to the wall." It had not been hung properly and just as Mrs. Feightner was passing fell. She was struck on the head, and cut considerable.

Allegheny Will Hold Up Project

The Monongahela bridge will not be built if Allegheny county can help it. Ever since the old bridge was condemned the counties of Allegheny and Washington agreed upon the plans for a new one, every pretext possible has been used by the commissioners of Allegheny county to prevent the contract being let. Those who are familiar with the situation and the way business is done in Allegheny county believe that it is simply another example of politics

If the bridge is built it will be in the way Allegheny county wants it built and that county's officials hope to accomplish more under a new board of commissioners here than they have done with the present board. In this they may be mistaken.

There were services rendered at the Allenport M. E. church on Christmas. John Wimrood is the superintendent of the school.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET TONIGHT TO NAME CANDIDATES

The Republicans of Charleroi are entreated not to forget the suggestion meeting to be held tonight in the borough building. A good attendance is desired, and it is hoped that every voter of that party is present. At the spring election there are the most important of the borough offices to be filled, among which there are burgess, council tax collector. It behoves those who have the best interests of the party at heart to attend, and take part in the meeting.

WOULD BE AT WORK TODAY IF ALLOWED

John Bitch the man who escaped instant death so narrowly at Monessen on Friday when he had a blade of a penknife stuck in his brain is still living and in fine spirits. He is compelled to remain indoors and quiet by the physicians. If he had his way he would be at work today.

NEW MINERS HALL IS DEDICATED

Scenery Hill, Dec. 28.—With ceremonies fitting and appropriate Cokeburg local No. 1197, United Mine Workers of America, dedicated its new hall at Cokeburg Saturday afternoon and evening. Francis Feehan, president of Pittsburg district No. 5, United Mine workers, delivered the dedicatory address and took an active interest in the ceremonies. The new hall is one of the finest auditoriums of the kind in the county.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by John Yugatis president of the local and an introductory explained the object of the meeting. An address was also made by Mike Halipy, a member of the district board, of Finleyville, after which President Feehan delivered the dedicatory address. Mr. Feehan's talk was timely and interesting and was well received by the large crowd in attendance. The exercises closed with the singing of "America" in which all heartily joined. The Andy Ball orchestra, of Braddock, furnished excellent music for the occasion.

In the evening a dance was given in the new hall.

The new structure is located in the W. S. Tombaugh addition to the town and is 60 by 32 feet in dimensions. Besides the main auditorium there is a good sized gallery and a finished basement.

The Cokeburg local has a membership of 400.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

An election of officers of the Sunday school of the First Christian church was held yesterday. Those elected follow. Superintendent, Theo. J. Allen; assistant superintendent, W. H. Jones; secretary, W. H. Jones; assistant secretary, Robert McGowan; librarian, Logan Wingett assistant librarian, Duncan Berryman; enrollment secretary, Ruth Rice; organist, Edna McMasters; assistant, L. Belle Parsons.

Miss Agnes Rosbottom left Sunday for Morganown to visit relatives.

SCHOOLS OPEN THIS MORNING

Pupils After a Happy Two Weeks Vacation Go Back to Work

This morning the schools in the county after being closed for two weeks for the usual vacation were opened and the pupils and teachers resumed work. Of the large number of pupils of the local schools there are about 175 out. There is but one teacher absent from her duties. The schools will be open from now on until about the last of May, when they close for the summer holidays. Good work is being done under the new system, with a superintendent over all the buildinge and a principal for each. As far as is known New Year will not be observed by the local school. This is optional with the various boards in the county and most will be kept open during the day.

Charleroi Man Gets Pension.

A pension of $12 per montb to date from December 4, 1908, has been granted to Albert T. Stech, Charleroi. Mr. Stech was a private in Co. G, 6th Regt. Pa., Vol. H. Art.

Notice.

Grand reception given on New Years evening by Government clerks in Bank of Charleroi hall, hours 8 to 1. 116t3

M'CLAIN FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Looks as if Lancaster County Man Will Be the One

From present indications it looks as if the next speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives will be Frank B. McClain of Lancaster county. Mr. McIlvaine held the speakership for one year and during that time made many friends, so that it is thought he will be returned to the place. He is well qualified and should he be elected will no doubt duplicate the success that he had last term. Although he voted against Local Option, he is popular even among the best supporters of that bill.

The friends of Mr. McClain have issued a booklet in the interests of his reelection to the speakership, it being the favorable comments of the various representatives who have had the opportunity of seeing him in the chair. Whether he will be returned or not depends considerably on the votes of the incoming members.

Annual Winter Tour.

This evening at Mounds ille the M. and J. Musical club will open their annual winter tour. In the party are the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs. Karl Keffer of Charleroi is a member of the Glee club.

FARMERS EXCITED OVER WORK

The beginning of construction work on the McClelland farm about two miles from Van Emon, has stirred up much interest among the farmers residing along the line of the proposed railroad of the Pennsylvania company from Van Emon station on the Charleiets to Marianna the new coal town near Zollarsville. While the gang of laborers is small it has been stated that a large force of men will be put on the work after the first of the new year and two steam shovels will be put in operation. The right-of-way has not been secured through all of the farms along the proposed route but it is understood that bond will be filed for the damages.

About 200 feet of grading has been done on the McClelland farm and the workmen stated last week that this was being done in order that the steam shovels might get a start. It has been stated that the contractor who is doing the grading for the steam shovels has four years for six miles of the road leading toward the B and O. railroad. The contractor who claims to have the contract for the six miles has been engaged in the construction work of the new street car line of Pittsburg which has just been completed. He claims that he will have his entire force of men on the work within the next few days together with all his equipment. These statements have made the farmers along the line sit up and take notice and much interest is being taken.

SATURDAY IS THE LAST DAY

Saturday, January 2, is the last day for the filing of candidate's petitions for the municipal elections. The nominations will be made Saturday, January 23. The following petition was filed Saturday from Twilight, Republican—Burgess, Charles Rush; council, James Trilby, E J. Taylor, William Craig, A. D. Arrison, H. M. Fryer; school director, William Sphar, L. O. Watkins; auditor, John F. Krepps, Walter Watkins; justice of the peace, W. S. Abraham; tax collector, James A. Sphar judge of election, H. E. Abraham, James A. Sphar; inspector, William A. Sphar, William Abraham, S. V. Hughes.

W. H. Zellers, Jr., of Charleroi, on Saturday filed his petition as a candidate for tax collector in Charleroi.

WATCH MEETING ON NEW YEARS EVE

A watch meeting will be held on New Year's eve at the First Christian church. During the meeting there will be a program rendered, consisting of selections by the Century chorus, readings, solos, both vocal and instrumental, and addresses by six laymen. New evangelistic books have arrived and will be used at the evangelistic services which will be held in the near future.

The Century chorus is one of the recently organized bodies of the Christian church. It consists of one hundred voices, and four instruments. It has already become noted, and bids fair to become one of the best musical organizations along the valley. It is under the direction of Rev. H. C. Boblitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Rosbottom have returned to Morgantown, W. Va., after spending Christmas with the former's parents on Crest avenue.

H L. Swickey is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

NO MEETING OF COUNCIL TONIGHT

On account of the Republican suggestion meeting to be held in the borough building tonight there will be no meeting of the borough council it being postponed until tomorrow night. There are quite a number of important matters to be taken up, but the real purpose of the session will be the election of a policeman and a janitor for the borough building. This was discussed to some extent at the last meeting of council but nothing was done in the matter.

Although badly burned about the body, John Kucera, a lad three years of age, the son of Mrs. John Kucera of 1215 McKean avenue is still living and it is thought will recover entirely. He is bandaged so that the only part of his body that shows is a part of the face. The little fellow was burned on Wednesday. He was playing with fire in company with some other and larger boys and they left a moment when his clothing became ignited. His body was terribly burned.

JURY WHEEL IS BEING FILLED BY OFFICIALS TODAY

Judge McIlvaine and Jury Commissioners L. F. Hopkins and William Barkley and Clerk Frank Caton began the refilling of the jury wheel this morning. There were 1,040 names put in the wheel last year, and a similar number will be put in this year. Names in the wheel left over from last year will be taken out and destroyed. About 1,040 names have been left over from last year's filling.

An effort is to be made this year to put names of persons in the wheel who will be willing to serve. Often names are drawn out and the parties do not answer the summons. An effort is also to be made to get jurymen who are competent to sit in a case and who will keep the standard of the jury up to where it should be.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET TUESDAY

On Tuesday evening in the borough building the Democrats of Charleroi will hold their suggestion meeting. The committee desires that there be a large number in attendance. It is the purpose to have representative men as candidates for the various offices.

MACHALE WILL COACH W. AND J.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 28.—Frank MacHale, of Charleroi, the former P. C. M. and Tri-State league player, who has coached Washington and Jefferson's baseball teams for two seasons, will be retained for 1909, according to the athletic authorities. There was talk of placing Dr. Walter Harris, former University of Pennsylvania captain, at the head of active baseball affairs, but Carnes, who has located here for the practice of medicine, says he would not consider the proposition

In 1906 MacHale developed a team that won the Western Pennsylvania championship, and while he did not do so well last year, he had poorer material to work with. Several men who were ineligible last year on account of scholastic deficiencies and injuries, will be in shape next spring and will be candidates for places.

Preliminary cage practice will start within six weeks. MacHale will not be here to take charge of the squad until the outdoor practice is inaugurated, as he is engaged in business and will not relinquish this until it is necessary.

Manager Jack Sprowls has already arranged games with Wooster, Carnegie Tech, Waynesburg, Bethany, Lehigh and Gettysburg. He is trying to get a series of games with University of Pittsburg. If he can secure grounds he will play Cornell in Pittsburg.

CHARLEROI WOMAN WANTS A DIVORCE

Bessie Belle Stillwagon, of Charleroi, has filed a libel for divorce against her husband, William C. Stillwagon. A subpoena was awarded. The couple were married in Washington April 10, 1906, and lived together until September 1, 1906. Indignities to the person and desertion are the grounds alleged for the divorce.

CHARLEROI THE WINNER

Local Sunday School Wins Out in Contest with Monongahela Body

AHEAD BY 488 POINTS

The contest which has been carried on between the Charleroi and Monongahela Christian church Sunday schools closed yesterday the local body being declared winner by 488 points. The total number of points secured by the local Sunday school was 2212 and the Monongahela 1,724

The contest had been the means of arousing much interest in the Sunday school work and through it there were many additions to the Sunday school. At the local church there was an increase in the average Sunday school attendance, of about 156. As a direct result of the contest there were 18 additions to the local church. The local secretary was Frank Ingold. He and his aids are to be complimented for their excellent work, and the good accomplished.

PROMINENT LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Amanda Watson the wife of John O. Watson, died at her late home at Lock No. 4, this morning at six o'clock of tuberculosis, aged 38 years.

The deceased was born at Greensboro, Pa., June 19, 1870 was married to John O. Watson, June 14, 1893. Of this union there were born two children, James age 14 and Hazel age 12 who with their father survive. She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Green and a brother Geo. W. Greer, all of Speers, Pa.

Amanda Watson was a devout Christian woman and beloved by all who knew her. She became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in early life and continued in that faith till death.

Short funeral services will be held at her late home at Lock 4, Wednesday at 9 a. m. The body will be taken to Rices Landing on the 10 o'clock train where the services will be held in Hewitt's church and interment in Hewitt's cemetery.

(Uniontown and Waynesburg papers please copy.)

FRIENDSHIPS BEAT CASINOS, 15 TO 11

The Friendships beat the Casinos in a rough game at the rink on Saturday night in the city Basketball league. There were no particular features in the contest unless it was the all round playing of the Friendships. There one inability to throw baskets offset their other good work however. The lineup:

Friendships—15.		Casinos—11
Clutter	F	Miller
McDermott	F	Oates
Thompson	C	Jackson
Connell	G	Dietz
Gray	G	Barret

Substitutions, Reitz for Gray, Newton for Jackson, Pieper for Barret. Baskets—Clutter, McDermott, Thompson, Connell, Gray, Miller, Newton, Oates 2. Goals from fouls—McDermott, Thompson 4, Oates 3.

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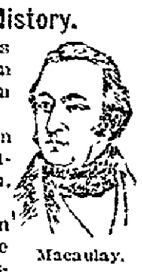

Macaulay.

1825—General James Wilkinson, American soldier, died; born 1757.

1859—Thomas Babington Macaulay, celebrated English historian, died; born 1800

1870—Marshal Juan Prim, virtually the ruler of Spain, assassinated; born 1814.

1900—Lord George William Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun, died; born 1810.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:36, rises 7:20; moon sets 10:44 p. m.

Christmas Tree Custom Upheld.

The country's forests again have been called upon to supply about four million Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States Forest Service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?"

In the millions of happy homes over the country where the younger generation has made the Christmas tree the center of play since early Friday morning, there are many mothers and fathers who have given the question more or less thought. From Sunday schools and other organizations also, which hold an annual celebration around a gayly trimmed evergreen for the benefit of the little ones, has come the question whether it is consistent to continue the use of our resources and thus to cut millions of young trees every year to afford a little joy on the passing holiday season.

The Forest Service opposes the Christmas tree custom, but recognizes at the same time, that this indiscriminate cutting of evergreens to supply the holiday trade has produced a bad effect upon many stands of merchantable kinds of trees in different sections of the country.

Germany is conceded to have the highest developed system of forest management of any country, yet its per capita use of Christmas trees is greatest. The cutting of small trees for Christmas is not there considered in the least as a menace to the forest, but, on the contrary, as a means of improving the forest by thinning and as a source of revenue. It is therefore constantly encouraged.

Cases Rare Indeed.

It is astounding that a man could live after having a blade of a pen-knife nearly an inch into his brain, and it is hardly accountable to most of the people, yet nevertheless it is a fact that a Monessen man passed through this very experience. The reason for this, we must leave for the scientific man to determine. There are few cases on record where a human being has escaped death in so remarkable a way, which makes the case assume larger proportions in our minds. It is known that sometimes persons will live if they receive enough of an electrical shock to kill two or three individuals, the effect being partially offset by the immense voltage, but cases of a similar kind to that described above are indeed rare.

Electric Sparks

The coal dealer would not object to seeing a little more winter such as he saw when a boy.

The wanton hills lie naked to the breeze.

The woods and thickets now are unfrocked,

Bare are the limbs of the shameless trees.

No wonder that the corn is shocked!

A wag wittily suggested the other day that if he ever went to jail he wanted to go now in order to keep in good company.

When one reads the city dailies these times about all the arrests, indictments, trials and sentences he naturally reflects upon his past life to see whether or not he has ever done anything for which he might be called upon to answer.

As if the perils of pedestrianism were not sufficient already an eastern genius has invented an automobile for the blind.

New York's forty-three-story skyscraper will have descenders as well as elevators. Six stories will be underground. The era of cave dwellers appears to be returning.

A discontented person is almost as big a bore as one who is self-satisfied.

Every time two women go to a matinee together they call it a theatre party.

There's sufficient money in circulation, but the trouble is in getting it to circulate our way.

Never judge by outward appearances. A good-looking woman may not be as good as she looks.

Pleasant mutuality exists between Colonel Bryan and Colonel Guffey. The former says he isn't sorry for what happened to Guffey at Denver, and it seems pretty clear that Guffey isn't sorry for what happened to Bryan at the polls.

The disappearance of $7,000,000 from the Lisbon city treasury betrays the lingering crudeness of municipal high finance in the Old World. Nobody breaks the safe or pulses the coin of an American city. It is more artistic to dally with contracts.

A Chicago woman says men have not time to visit the art galleries, and therefore it is the duty of every woman to be a Venus. As a peripatetic art gallery lovely woman is a success. Many men are devoted lovers of art.

Well, whether you did your Christmas shopping early or late, you will not have to do it for another year—unless you take advantage of the bargain counters.

A Marie Cahill Song Free.

The words and music, complete, of the best song from "The Boys and Betty," now appearing at Wallack's Theatre, Broadway, New York, will be given with the New York Sunday World next Sunday. Marie Cahill's songs are always good, and this one is unusually so. Every night it receives three and four curtain calls. The title is "Love to Go Shopping." Miss Cahill is one of the most popular women on the stage, and a song from her show is always welcomed. Music by arrangement with Maurice Shapiro.

At Monessen Theatre.

Prescello will introduce numerous sketches during the engagement at the Monessen Opera House this week. The experiments are lengthy and brilliant. The lectures are brief and to the point. Prescello will positively create more fun than a farce comedy. Why? Because the scenes in hypnotism are the very essence of comedy. The entertainment are created for laughter, with now and then a scientific turn to interest the student. Clean, moral, instructive laughable, are the qualities that make up an attraction that never fails to please all classes. Polite vaudeville between the scenes.

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Washing Black Lace.

Black lace should not be washed unless it is decidedly dirty, but should be well shaken to remove as much dust as possible and then dipped in a solution of deep blue gum water. When the lace has become dirty and brownish in color the best plan is to wash it in soapsuds and then rinse and stiffen it in deep blue water, to which the gum water has been added. The deep blue water will help to restore the lace to its original black.

The lace should be then rolled in an old cloth for a short time and then pinned out with the cloth between it and the sheet, as it imparts a blue stain, which it would be necessary to remove from the sheet.

When the lace is quite dry remove the pins and place a piece of tissue paper over it. Iron it with the paper between it and the iron. If the iron is placed directly on the lace it will leave a gloss on it which is not pretty and which stamps it as "washed lace."

For Inflamed Eyelids.

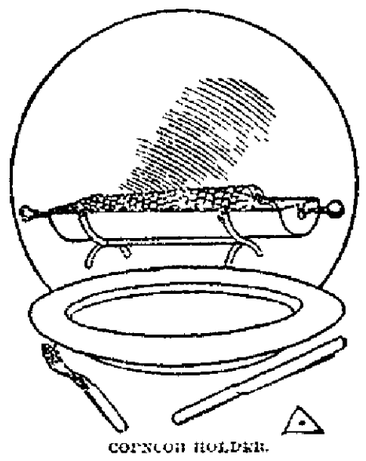
Anything concerning the eyes should never be neglected, and as soon as the eyelids become inflamed the following lotion should be used. Two drams of glycerin and borax are beaten with the white of one egg.

One wineglassful of cold water is added, and the mixture is beaten again. This should be applied to the edges of the lids nightly. When all soreness and inflammation have passed away, and this will soon be the case, as the preparation is healing the lids may be touched slightly with white of egg beaten with three times the quantity of cold water.

This must be freshly made each night. The preparation is astringent and should be applied as a film only and with the finger tips. In case any unpleasant tightness from accidental overuse should appear it may be remedied by bathing in cold water.

A Table Convenience.

Through the ingenuity of a New York restaurant man corn on the cob may now be eaten without annoyance. This man has devised a combination corn holder which not only keeps the ear from rolling off one's plate, but also enables the diner to manipulate it by means of a rod at either end and avoid smearing the fingers. The holder



CORN-ON HOLDER.

or brace with shown consists of a trough a little longer and wider than an ear of corn and with sloping sides and walls. Two rods, with knobs by which to hold the ends, thrust through the ends of the cob. When eating the corn the cob can be held by these handles, and when the ear is laid down it can be placed in the trough without fear that it will roll off the plate and leave a track of yellow grease on the hostess' snowy linen.

How to Insert Ribbon.

When [illegible] ribbon [illegible] all the loops in the front start on the [illegible] walk. [illegible] ribbon each [illegible] on [illegible] has the ribbon will not be so confused. Run a pin over [illegible] start in the center of the back. [illegible] and continue [illegible] to the [illegible] on a check dress is to run [illegible] the checks [illegible] take with that to [illegible] a seam or [illegible] and [illegible] Press [illegible]

Cleaning Velveteen.

[illegible] can make a [illegible] with a good [illegible] soap and water through just [illegible] would a dress. The water should be squeezed by pressing as twisting is likely to produce a wrinkled appearance. After the velveteen is washed the velveteen should be well shaken and hang in front of the fire, with the right side toward the heat, which will raise the pile as the water passes away. When it is dry place over a thick blanket and iron on the wrong side.

Calla Lilies.

Beat three eggs and a rounding cupful of sugar together, add two thirds cupful of flour and one-half teaspoonful of lemon flavoring. Drop in teaspoonfuls on a buttered sheet, allowing plenty of room to spread in baking. Bake in a moderate oven, take up with a knife and roll at once into lily shape. Bake but four or five at a time, because if the cakes cool even a little they will break. Fill each with a little beaten and sweetened cream.

Remedy For Coughing.

Often a severe spell of coughing can be checked by drinking down as quickly as possible a glassful of cold water. If one is subject to spells of coughing at night, try this remedy, which, it is claimed, never fails: Wring a cloth out of strong carbolic acid water just before getting into bed and hang it over the head of the bed. The whiff of odor from the cloth will prevent the cough.

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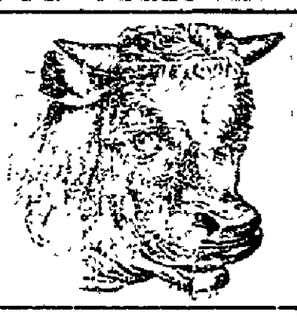

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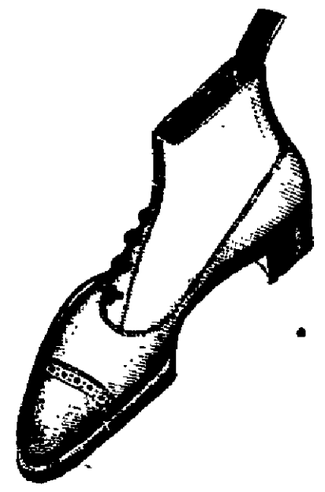

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"Don't see anything wrong with that," said the man with the frayed collar. "He's got to hold the baby even if she does have to wrestle with the carriage. You don't think he ought to hold the baby and take care of the carriage, too, do you?"

"Well, there's one thing sure," rejoined the objector—"the man doesn't know a thing about baby carriage etiquette. What you want to do it this: If the baby weighs more than the carriage, it's the man's place to hold the baby. If the carriage weighs more, he should hand the baby to his wife."

"Oh, piffle!" interpolated the man with the big black cigar. "You're way off. What he ought to do is to hand the baby to his wife and the carriage to the conductor."—Kansas City Star

"You see, any article left in my car is mine if no one puts in a claim for it within six weeks. The six weeks were up yesterday, and the company told me to take the eggs away."

"Too bad," said the passenger.

"Rotten," said the conductor.—Kansas City Newsbook.

Marriage by Halves.

A [illegible] which a wife brought with many goods was legally married if the purchaser got her the way she was better.

Mr. Baring Gould the English antiquarian, tells of a valley poet known to him who bought a wife for a half crown and a bottle and twelve miles to his cottage. The squire and the rector protested to the village poet that he was not legally wedded.

"Why yes, I be," he replied. "I'll take my Bible oath I never once took the halter off till she'd crossed the doorsill and the door was shut."

The latest instances of such wife sales occurred in 1858 and 1859, when women were sold in Little Horton and in Dudley. In these cases a blue ribbon took the place of the straw halter.

"Sir, I do not," answered Dr. Whately. "One wears the cross on his miter and the other wears it on his back?" explained the tactless officer. "Do you know the difference between an aide-de-camp and an ass?" asked the archbishop calmly in return. "No, your grace, I do not," was the reply. "Neither do I!" said his grace.—Liverpool Mercury.

Greeley's Writing.

During the early part of the nineteenth century the bad writing of great men became almost a byword. In fact, poor writing was considered by some people as almost a sign of genius. Horace Greeley was such a poor writer that his correspondents were sometimes obliged to guess at his meaning. It is related that a reporter on the New York Tribune who received a letter from Greeley discharging him presented it as a letter of recommendation to the editor of another paper.

By the way of [illegible] lessees. In Italy in the eighteenth century it was customary to issue packs of cards with Old Testament scenes engraved upon them. Germany of the same period produced cards with fables to which texts were attached were customary. French playing cards of the time of Louis XIV were used to teach geography and history, while in the England of Elizabeth and the Stuarts playing cards were used as political pamphlets. Most valuable were cards issued in France at the time of the French revolution, when figures of Genius, Liberty and Equality took the place of kings, queens and knaves.—London Saturday Review.

A Bibulous Lord Mayor.

Any one with a love of odd names should study the [illegible] London [illegible] that one merry monarch and did not [illegible] such [illegible] Sir Richard [illegible] 1482, there are some that deserve notice also for the sake of those who bore them. There was [illegible] Brygges in 1520, whose ancestor fought at Agincourt, whom, even though the name had the more modern form of Brydges. There was Alderman Micajah Perry in 1750, who laid the first stone of the Mansion House, and Sir Benjamin Hamet, who was fined £1,000 in 1797 for refusing to act as mayor—positively a cheap way of getting out of it.

Some Doubts.

New Curate—How's your wife, Jabez? Jabez—'Er's very doubtful, measter. 'Er doubts as 'er won't get better, and I doubts as 'er won't.—Punch.

BRADLEY'S BUILDING.

By ANDREW PHAIL.

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It was a tiny little island. The year before Dick Staley had threatened to come back some day and carry it off in a shoe box. But such as it was it was Bolton Bradley's own, and he was immensely proud of his possession.

Four years earlier his physician had ordered him to spend the summer in the woods to escape an impending attack of "nerves." He had rented this little island from its woodsman owner and had, [illegible] a delightful summer chopping his own wood, frying his own bacon and in the intervals planning the play that had brought him recognition.

His first royalties had gone to pay for the little island, and now, when Bradley pitched his tent early in May, he went to work to build a log hut that should form a more permanent camp.

Since success had come he was in a position to build a camp as elaborate as any of the electrically lighted, steam heated structures which masqueraded as camps in the fashionable colony at the upper end of the lake, but Bradley would have none of these.

As far as possible the camp should be his own handiwork. He even rebelled at the necessity for assistance in raising the logs when the walls reached a height above his ability to handle the heavy logs.

He made the island his sanctuary and a thing apart from the busy months of the winter season. No one save Staley had ever been invited to the place, and only the guide who sometimes came to see that all was well or leave mail when Bradley lacked the time to row down to the little village ever braved the "No Trespass" signs with which the shore bristled.

So it happened that Bradley, tramping over his five acre domain, was astonished to see a canoe on the shore and a girl calmly eating a late lunch under the very sign forbidding a landing.

She was undeniably a pretty girl, with crisp brown curls escaping from a tam-o'-shanter and straying over a cheek on which the red showed bravely through the tan.

Bradley approved her costume of brown. It was so unlike the frocks of the fashionables, who dressed not for the woods, but for the men in camp and with an eye for spectacular effect.

But notwithstanding the fact that Bradley approved of the slender, well built figure he resented the intrusion on his island.

He hated the fashionable crowd, and here was one at his very door, perhaps the advance guard of a horde of fish hunters who would overrun the [illegible] shore, [illegible] him that they don't [illegible] days even while their [illegible] showed that they were [illegible] intent upon the chatter in the boat than upon the dialogue on the shore. It was this habit of using the lakes for social visits that had first given Bradley his distaste for society.

"It is too bad that you cannot read," he said, with what was intended to be cutting sarcasm, though insensibly his voice softened as he looked into two glorious brown eyes.

"I know what you mean," declared the girl, with a laugh and a meaning glance at the forbidding sign, "but I was tired paddling, and when I saw you at work on the hut I knew that the owner was not home, and I supposed that [illegible] upon [illegible] Each [illegible] was [illegible] and [illegible] a box [illegible] and [illegible]

"I'm [illegible] enough [illegible] to apologize," explained with [illegible] "but I always enjoy [illegible] I [illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] won't [illegible] land on this [illegible] Eden?" demanded the girl.

"It's a New Yorker's [illegible]" explained Bradley uncomfortably. "He doesn't like the people at the upper end of the lake, and he puts those signs up."

"Thereby preventing me from finding a refuge from the pay campers," said the girl severely. "He should change the sign to read, 'No Trespassing by People Who Do Not Understand.' There are people even up there who love the woods and hate the poor imitation of Newport, Newport," she added in explanation, "is a fashionable colony down on the Rhode Island shore."

"I've heard of it," assented Bradley. He scene of whose latest comedy had been laid in that very resort. He was glad that this girl mistook him for a guide. It would be a pity to undeceive her and place their impromptu acquaintance upon a coldly formal basis.

She chatted of the lake and the woods, and Bradley more than ever admired her when she grew eloquent regarding the beauties of his beloved lake. It formed a common bond of sympathy.

The girl forgot that she was talking to a guide, and Bradley in turn forgot that she was a member of the hated army of fashionable folk who were doing their best to make the lake as artificial as themselves.

It was a good two hours before his visitor sprang up with an exclamation of surprise that she should have lingered so long, and with a little sigh of regret Bradley watched her paddle

Advice to Anglers.

Of all the sports that many men
Are looking for and wishing
To take a hand in now and then
By far the best is fishing.

So get a rod and line and hook,
Impale a worm or cricket,
Strike for a river, lake or brook
In open land or thicket.

Should flies be thick or weather wet,
Pray, "don't get in a pucker."
Have patience, friend, and soon you'll get
A catfish, trout or sucker.

Should you take home when night appears
A little fish's corpus
Don't tell your friends in after years
'Twas big as any porpoise.
—A. L. L. in Forest and Stream.

A Modern Convenience.

A British lord of the admiralty whose knowledge of nautical detail was limited, was recently taking his first trip in a rather leaky vessel when he observed the tars working the pumps. "Dear me," he said, "I did not know you had a well on board, captain, but I'm really glad you have, for I detest sea water."—Homer's Weekly.

Necessity the Mother.

"Who got up those hanging gardens of Babylon?"

"Some king."

"For what purpose?"

"I judge he wanted to outwit the neighbors' chickens."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Always Tired.

Political Candidate—Which way do the farm hands lean around here? Farmer Ryetop—Well, stranger, around plowing and planting time you will see them leaning against the barn or fence every time your back is turned.—Deseret News.

Expensive.

"I should never have thought that studying would have cost so much money."

"Yes, father, and if you only knew how little I have studied!"—Judge.

Everything unknown is taken for magnificent.—Greek Proverb.

Exactly So.

"Pa," said little Willie, who has been reading a cigar store advertisement, "what's 'imported and domestic?'"

"A servant girl," replied pa promptly.—Philadelphia Press.

Some Satisfaction.

It costs a lot to live these days,
More than it did of yore,
But, when you stop to think of it,
It's worth a whole lot more.
—Judge.

Appropriate.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is a pneumatic tire?

Pa—It's a name that is sometimes applied to a bore, my son.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

When She Got Them.

Next fall the summer girl will sing
Of the seaside and its charm,
Although her tan and freckles are
Products of her uncle's farm.
—Pittsburg Post.

Not His Ambition.

"I see they are experimenting with a machine for laying the dust."

"Humph! I would rather experiment with one for raising it."—Baltimore American.

As Artists Knew.

That "art is long" that time worn gaff,
So folks will still repeat,
It's color scarcely lasts enough
For making both ends meet
—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Cold Deal.

Beanitt—By the way, don't you own some stock in the [illegible]?

Landlady—[illegible] but they froze me out.—Chicago News.

Keeps Love Waiting.

Love [illegible] way,
[illegible]
Till [illegible] and
The [illegible]
—Detroit Free Press.

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Daisy's Demise.

By EPES W. SARGENT.

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"Billy," announced Daisy solemnly, "I gotter die."

Billy Seaton's big blue eyes grew round with surprise.

"Don't," he urged. "Tommy Bindley's birthday party is next week, and they're goin' to have five kinds of cake and three kinds of ice cream. Billy was sick last year and this is last year's party too."

"I'm not going to be dead that long," explained Daisy. "This is only a little dead."

"I don't see no fun in dying just for a little while," scorned Billy, his fears allayed. "If I was to die I'd want to stay dead—but I don't want to die," he added hastily.

"I don't want to," admitted Daisy, "but I gotter. You know my lace shawl?"

Billy nodded. He had reason for remembering the shawl, for [illegible] he not been spanked for throwing a bit of jelly cake at Daisy when she was wearing it? It was old and yellow, but they had made a terrible fuss about it.

"I cut a teenty piece offen it," continued Daisy. "It was the littlest bit of a piece, but"—her voice hushed to an awed whisper—"I'm goin' to be spanked when ma gets home tonight."

Billy nodded understandingly. It was Mrs. Dunlop's principle to permit at least twelve hours to elapse between the detection and punishment of juvenile offenses, during which period the culprit was permitted to suffer

"ALL THE SAME, PROMPT PAYMENTS MAKE GOOD FRIENDS."

those agonies of anticipation far more effective than the gentle spanking which constituted the nominal expiration.

Daisy preferred his mother's plan, in which the sole of the maternal slipper followed hot upon the heels of discovery, and he regarded the tiny culprit compassionately.

"Ma won't be back until 4," said Daisy. "You'll help me, won't you, Billy?"

Billy nodded, and so it happened that when Mrs. Dunlop appeared on the piazza of the summer resort hotel to ask if any one had seen her small daughter not even Alice, Daisy's elder sister, could give any information.

At this opportune moment appeared Billy from the road leading from the small stream by courtesy called a river. In one hand he carried a pail of frogs and in the other a tattered and dripping wreck that once had been a straw hat.

With a scream which startled the other guests Mrs. Dunlop hurried across the lawn toward the approaching boy, for her mother's eyes had recognized the hapless wreck to be no other than Daisy's hat.

"Where did you get Daisy's hat, Billy?" demanded the frantic mother.

"Pa said I," was the prompt response. "I was down below the dam huntin' frogs and this came over the dam."

"Is any [illegible]?" sobbed the frantic mother, clasping the wet thing to her breast. "She cut up her lace shawl that had been my own grandmother's to make a dress for her doll, and I told her that she should have a whipping when I came back from the village. The poor, sensitive little thing has drowned herself!"

In an instant all was confusion. Kindly hands led the mother back to the piazza and the men at once organized searching parties. Alice Dunlop numbered her conquests by the score, and each sailor was hopeful that by recovering her sister, dead or alive, he should win a gratitude that should later turn the scales in his favor.

Paul Findlay was one of these, though to do him justice he would have acted as quickly without the incentive. He was hurrying across the lawn when a pudgy hand tugged at his coat and drew him toward a clump of shrubbery.

"Cross your breast never to tell?" obligated Billy.

Paul gave the desired assurance.

"An' give me your big jackknife?" bartered Billy.

"And the knife," assented Paul.

"You know the old mill?" reminded Billy. "Not the new one by the dam, but the one where the dam used to be? Say cross three times. Remember, you promised not to give us away."

Paul nodded and rushed on, while the self satisfied manager of the campaign went in search of the chief en-

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The Elephant at Bay.

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The Too Faithful Dog.

A party of young Australians wanting a fish dinner filled a bottle with dynamite, attached a waterproof fuse and flung it into a pool in a creek. One of them had a retriever who had been taught to retrieve anything flung into the water, and the bottle had hardly touched the surface before Wate'r was after it. They yelled at him to leave it alone, but he paid no attention and soon was swimming shoreward with the fizzing bomb in his mouth. The young men ran for their lives, and the poor beast, thinking it all a great joke, came galloping after. He was within twenty yards of the bank just when there was a stunning crash. Two of the men were thrown down, the... Fortunately, not badly hurt. Bit of the unfortunate dog hardly a trace was left.—Fry's Magazine.

The Strainer.

It was the first time she had ever used a telephone, and the drug clerk detected the fact by the nervous way in which she held the receiver.

"Dear me!" she exclaimed faintly. "Who are all those awkward holes in the mouthpiece?"

"They are there for a purpose," replied the drug clerk solemnly.

"What purpose?"

"Why, so you can strain your voice."

And she was so embarrassed she forgot the number she was to call up.

One Use For Chalk.

"I read in some paper the other day," the young man said, "of the arrival of a shipload of chalk, and I wondered what under the canopy anybody could want of a shipload of chalk and what they use chalk for anyway.

"Going home last night I got half a dozen little spatters of mud on my shirt bosom and collar, and I'd got to go out again right away, and I really didn't have time to change my apparel, but there were those spatters of mud.

"'Just wait a minute,' said my roommate, who knows several things, and he went to his chiffonier and got out a piece of chalk, with which he deftly chalked over those little mud spots so that they didn't show.

"'There,' he said, 'I guess they'll go all right now at night.'

"And they did. I am still wondering what anybody should want of a shipload of chalk, but I have now discovered at least one of chalk's uses."

Church and Clergy.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada has elected as moderator Rev. F. B. Duvall of Knox church, Winnipeg, formerly of Toledo, O., and Wilmington, Del.

Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Farley intend to assist at the eucharistic congress in London next September, going after and to Rome to visit the pope. It is expected that they will be present at the consistory which will be held at the close of the papal jubilee.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Campbell, for seven years pastor of the Wagoner Place United Presbyterian church of St. Louis, has resigned to accept the presidency of the Franklin Cooper Grand university at New Athens, O. Dr. Campbell has been a minister for twenty-five years and has held pastorates in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

The Rev. Dr. William R. Jeavey, who recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his rectorship of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Hoboken, N. J., prides himself on the fact that in the whole course of his ministry he has missed only one church service which he was scheduled to hold. A severe attack of grip, which confined him to his bed, was responsible for his one absence.

Word Painting.

Mrs. Bradley, when questioned by a fellow traveler in the Pullman car in regard to her home, launched forth into a rather long and detailed description of its charms. Her listener, Grace, who had been reading when she began to speak, soon closed her book and listened with great interest.

"It must be very pleasant," remarked the latter deprecatorily, somewhat perfunctorily, when Mrs. Bradley finished, and Grace, her eyes gleaming with enthusiasm, said with a positive perfectly lovely. What more is it, man—?"

"Why, of course, it has its drawbacks," answered the other coyly, "but—"

"Oh dear!" sighed Grace, sighing, "how much better it sounds than it looks!"—Youth's Companion.

Need and Needs.

Perhaps many persons have wondered why we are taught to say "He need not do that" instead of "He needs not do that," as the singular pronoun, he, requires under ordinary conditions the singular form of the verb. The reason is that in a sentence of that kind, a negative sentence, expressing requirement or obligation, "need" becomes an auxiliary and takes no change of termination in the third person singular. This exception is laid down in the grammars.—Chicago News.

The Iron Crown.

The iron crown of Lombardy, so called from the narrow iron band within it supposed to have been beaten out of one of the nails used at the crucifixion, was probably first worn by Agilulph at his coronation in 591. The historic crown after gracing the brows of such sovereigns as Charlemagne, Henry of Luxemburg, Frederick IV., Charles V. and the great Napoleon was in 1866 given up to Victor Emmanuel and is now preserved with great care at Monza, near Milan.

MAKING A WILL.

If You Draw Up Your Own, Stick to the Most Simple Terms.

"If the people," said a lawyer, "who for whatever reason prefer to draw wills without resorting to legal advice would keep just one thing in mind a lot of trouble would be saved. It is nothing save insistence on simplicity. Simplicity is the main thing to make a will effective, and apparently it is the one thing that will makers forget about. High sounding words and high flown phrases come to their minds, and into the documents these verbal extravagances go. There appears to be a popular impression that, for example, to say 'I give and bequeath' is a stronger way of saying 'I give.' Again, take the matter of directions. Here a desire to be explicit frequently results in contradictions, and the longer a sentence in a will is the more likelihood there is of its being open to misinterpretation.

"No will should be drawn without at least a couple of drafts having been made of it, each one being gone over carefully with the idea of simplifying and clarifying it. Give the time to it that the importance of the action demands. Know what you want to do and study out the best way of expressing yourself. Don't put off making a will. I'm superstitious enough to consider that tempting fate. And when a will is drawn remember that it has no legal binding unless the signature is witnessed by two persons, who must themselves witness the document in the presence of the testator and each other."—New York Press.

Lost Arts.

Linnaeus, the great botanist, possessed the art of producing pearls by piercing the shells of oysters in a peculiar manner and probably by inserting something in the opening thus formed.

The art of making gold artificially was long sought after and is alleged to have been discovered several times. A Swede who was sentenced to death agreed to reveal the secret to Charles XII. in return for his life and showed a deposit of gold in one of his crucibles. Charles, however, was inexorable, and the successful alchemist was executed.

The art of making unbreakable glass was discovered by a Roman inventor, who was put to death for his pains by Tiberius lest this discovery should depreciate in value the elaborate gold and silver goblets, gem bestudded, which were then in fashion.

The art of mixing unfading colors was known to ancient painters, but invariably eludes the moderns. Probably the ingredients used were not similar.

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Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. James Binns of Fayette City spent Sunday in Charleroi with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Parsons, of Fallowfield avenue.

Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Wright of Crest avenue, have returned from Lionsville where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. H. Teitelbaum is spending the day in Pittsburg with friends.

Mrs. J. T. Lindsay of Washington avenue has returned from Bellwood where she spent several days with relatives.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDonough and daughter Miss Bertie of Fifth street have returned home from Claysville where they spent a few days with the former's son, Dr. Oscar T. McDonough.

Miss Maud Spidell of Bedford, the milliner at Berryman's left this morning for her home, where she will remain until the opening of the spring season.

Mrs. W. C. Clark and children left this morning for Beaver Falls where they will visit for a week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCullough after spending a few days in Charleroi with friends and relatives have left for their home in Beaver Falls.

Mrs. L. H. Sage and son Phillip, after a several days visit with the former's mother, Mrs. H. Schnelbaugh of Fallowfield avenue have left for their home in Toronto, Canada.

Rev. H. C. Boblitt is in Pittsburg transacting business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gleason of Scottdale after spending Christmas in Charleroi with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wilson left last evening for their home.

S. B. Guseman of Carmichaels after a short visit in Charleroi with friends left this morning for Punxsutawney where he will visit a few days with relatives.

Big Production.

Miners in the Coeurd' Alene district in northern Idaho, called "The millionaire factory," will produce 150,000 tons of lead this year, or 37 per cent of the total output in the United States. In addition, there will be 7,000,000 ounces of silver and several million dollars in copper, gold and zinc. The value of the output of metals in the district since A. J. Pritchard, a prospector, made the discovery of gold in 1884, is placed at $190,000,000 apportioned as follows: Lead, $121,653,850; silver, $55,826,140; copper, $6,725,000; gold, $5,550,000, zinc, $845,000.

Car Surplus Shows Increase.

Arthur Hale, chairman of the car efficiency committee of the American Railway association, has issued another bulletin showing an increase in surplus freight equipment. While the total of December 9 was 175,643, an increase of 42,814 cars, it is in part accounted for by the fact that about 10,000 cars have been released from repair shops, making the net 32,814. Shortages reported from various remote sections of the country, which in November had attained some proportions, have been materially reduced, those remaining being scattered and unimportant. The surplus of the country now stands at the highest figure since the beginning of September.

In the Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan section the surplus increase is about 2,500 cars, while other groups depending upon the coal and iron trade show corresponding increases. The Ohio district is partly accounted for by the fact that the lake navigation season has closed and production of coal has decreased about one-third.

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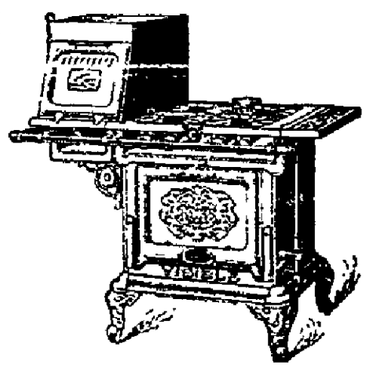

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IS LITERALLY CUT TO PIECES

Foreigner at Catsburg Saturday Night in Drunken Brawl Slashed from Head to Foot

ASSAILANT IS ARRESTED

George Erlingo a foreigner was literally cut to pieces in a drunken brawl at Catsburg on Saturday by a man who is registered on the police dockets as John Doe. Erlingo was terribly injured and it is extremely doubtful if he will live. Dr. H. T. Billick who attended him has little hope for his recovery.

The affair happened at about 1 o'clock Saturday evening. The couple had been out with a friend for a celebration and were visiting at a countryman's house when a quarrell arose between Erlingo, it is understood about a glass of beer. Soon they were fighting. Doe pulled a knife and before anyone could prevent began slashing away at Erlingo's body. Before the affair was terminated the latter's body had been cut in a hundred places, from head to foot. It took Dr. Billick who was called two hours to fix up the man's injuries.

Doe was captured by the police and is in the lockup. He will be given a hearing tomorrow and will probably be held pending the result of Erlingo's injuries. Both are laborers and reside at Catsburg.

SALE SIGN FALLS ON WOMAN'S HEAD

Yesterday morning as Mrs. Elizabeth Feightner, a well known resident of Monessen was returning home from church she was struck by a sign hung in front of one of the stores on Donner avenue, and badly injured. The sign was one announcing a stupendous sale at a place which "had been forced to the wall." It had not been hung properly and just as Mrs. Feightner was passing ten. She was struck on the head, and cut considerable.

Allegheny Will Hold Up Project

The Monongahela bridge will not be built if Allegheny county can help it. Ever since the old bridge was condemned the counties of Allegheny and Washington agreed upon the plans for a new one, every pretext possible has been used by the commissioners of Allegheny county to prevent the contract being let. Those who are familiar with the situation and the way business is done in Allegheny county believe that it is simply another example of politics.

If the bridge is built it will be in the way Allegheny county wants it built and that county's officials hope to accomplish more under a new board of commissioners here than they have done with the present board. In this they may be mistaken.

There were services rendered at the Allenport M. E. church on Christmas. John Wimrood is the superintendent of the school.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET TONIGHT TO NAME CANDIDATES

The Republicans of Charleroi are entreated not to forget the suggestion meeting to be held tonight in the borough building. A good attendance is desired, and it is hoped that every voter of that party is present. At the spring election there are the most important of the borough offices to be filled, among which there are burgess, council tax collector. It behoves those who have the best interests of the party at heart to attend, and take part in the meeting.

WOULD BE AT WORK TODAY IF ALLOWED

John Bitch the man who escaped instant death so narrowly at Monessen on Friday when he had a blade of a penknife stuck in his brain is still living and in fine spirits. He is compelled to remain indoors and quiet by the physicians. If he had his way he would be at work today.

NEW MINERS HALL IS DEDICATED

Scenery Hill, Dec. 28.—With ceremonies fitting and appropriate Cokeburg local No. 1197, United Mine Workers of America, dedicated its new hall at Cokeburg Saturday afternoon and evening. Francis Feehan, president of Pittsburg district No. 5, United Mine workers, delivered the dedicatory address and took an active interest in the ceremonies. The new hall is one of the finest auditoriums of the kind in the county.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by John Yugaitis, president of the local and an introductory explained the object of the meeting. An address was also made by Mike Haligy, a member of the district board, of Finleyville, after which President Feehan delivered the dedicatory address. Mr. Feehan's talk was timely and interesting and was well received by the large crowd in attendance. The exercises closed with the singing of "America" in which all heartily joined. The Andy Ball orchestra, of Braddock, furnished excellent music for the occasion.

In the evening a dance was given in the new hall.

The new structure is located in the W. S. Tombaugh addition to the town and is 60 by 32 feet in dimensions. Besides the main auditorium there is a good sized gallery and a finished basement.

The Cokeburg local has a membership of 400.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

An election of officers of the Sunday school of the First Christian church was held yesterday. Those elected follow. Superintendent, Theo. J. Allen; assistant superintendent, W. H. Jones; secretary, W. H. Jones; assistant secretary, Robert McGowan; librarian, Logan Wingett assistant librarian, Duncan Berryman; enrollment seretary, Ruth Rice; organist, Edna McMasters; assistant, L. Belle Parsons.

Miss Agnes Rosbottom left Sunday for Morganown to visit relatives.

SCHOOLS OPEN THIS MORNING

Pupils After a Happy Two Weeks Vacation Go Back to Work

This morning the schools in the county after being closed for two weeks for the usual vacation were opened and the pupils and teachers resumed work. Of the large number of pupils of the local schools there are about 175 out. There is but one teacher absent from her duties. The schools will be open from now on until about the last of May, when they close for the summer holidays. Good work is being done under the new system, with a superintendent over all the buildings and a principal for each. As far as is known New Year will not be observed by the local school. This is optional with the various boards in the county and most will be kept open during the day.

Charleroi Man Gets Pension.

A pension of $12 per month to date from December 4, 1908, has been granted to Albert T. Stech, Charleroi. Mr. Stech was a private in Co. G, 6th Regt. Pa., Vol. H. Art.

Notice.

Grand reception given on New Years evening by Government clerks in Bank of Charleroi hall, hours 8 to 1. 116t3

M'CLAIN FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Looks as if Lancaster County Man Will Be the One

From present indications it looks as if the next speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives will be Frank B. McClain of Lancaster county. Mr. McIlvaine held the speakership for one year and during that time made many friends, so that it is thought he will be returned to the place. He is well qualified and should he be elected will no doubt duplicate the success that he had last term. Although he voted against Local Option, he is popular even among the best supporters of that bill.

The friends of Mr. McClain have issued a booklet in the interests of his reelection to the speakership, it being the favorable comments of the various representatives who have had the opportunity of seeing him in the chair. Whether he will be returned or not depends considerably on the votes of the incoming members.

Annual Winter Tour.

This evening at Moundsville the N. and J. Musical club will open their annual winter tour. In the party are the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs. Karl Keffer of Charleroi is a member of the Glee club.

FARMERS EXCITED OVER WORK

The beginning of construction work on the McClelland farm about two miles from Van Emon, has stirred up much interest among the farmers residing along the line of the proposed railroad of the Pennsylvania company from Van Emon station on the Charleroi to Marianna the new coal town near Zollarsville. While the gang of laborers is small it has been stated that a large force of men will be put on the work after the first of the new year and two steam shovels will be put in operation. The right-of-way has not been secured through all of the farms along the proposed route but it is understood that bond will be filed for the damages.

About 200 feet of grading has been done on the McClelland farm and the workmen stated last week that this was being done in order that the steam shovels might get a start. It has been stated that the contractor who is doing the grading for the steam shovels has the contract for six miles of the road leading toward the B. and O. railroad. The contractor who claims to have the contract for the six miles has been engaged in the construction work of the new street car line of Pittsburg which has just been completed. He claims that he will have his entire force of men on the work within the next few days together with all his equipment. These statements have made the farmers along the line sit up and take notice and much interest is being taken.

SATURDAY IS THE LAST DAY

Saturday, January 2, is the last day for the filling of candidate's petitions for the municipal elections. The nominations will be made Saturday, January 23. The following petition was filed Saturday from Twilight, Republican—Burgess, Charles Rosh; council, James Trilby, E. J. Taylor, William Craig, A. D. Arrison, H. M. Fryer; school director, William Sphar, L. O. Watkins; auditor, John F. Krepps, Walter Watkins; justice of the peace, W. S. Abraham; tax collector, James A. Sphar; judge of election, H. E. Abraham, James A. Sphar; inspector, William A. Sphar, William Abraham, S. V. Hughes.

W. H. Zellers, Jr., of Charleroi, on Saturday filed his petition as a candidate for tax collector in Charleroi.

WATCH MEETING ON NEW YEARS EVE

A watch meeting will be held on New Year's eve at the First Christian church. During the meeting there will be a program rendered, consisting of selections by the Century chorus, readings, solos, both vocal and instrumental, and addresses by six laymen. New evangelistic books have arrived and will be used at the evangelistic services which will be held in the near future.

The Century chorus is one of the recently organized bodies of the Christian church. It consists of one hundred voices, and four instruments. It has already become noted, and bids fair to become one of the best musical organizations along the valley. It is under the direction of Rev. H. C. Boblitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Rosbottom have returned to Morgantown, W. Va., after spending Christmas with the former's parents on Grant avenue.

NO MEETING OF COUNCIL TONIGHT

On account of the Republican suggestion meeting to be held in the borough building tonight there will be no meeting of the borough council it being postponed until tomorrow night. There are quite a number of important matters to be taken up, but the real purpose of the session will be the election of a policeman and a janitor for the borough building. This was discussed to some extent at the last meeting of council but nothing was done in the matter.

Although badly burned about the body, John Kucera, a lad three years of age, the son of Mrs. John Kucera of 1215 McKean avenue is still living and it is thought will recover entirely. He is bandaged so that the only part of his body that shows is a part of the face. The little fellow was burned on Wednesday. He was playing with fire in company with some other and larger boys and they left a [illegible] when his clothing became [illegible]

JURY WHEEL IS BEING FILLED BY OFFICIALS TODAY

Judge McIlvaine and Jury Commissioners L. F. Hopkins and William Barkley and Clerk Frank Caton began the refilling of the jury wheel this morning. There were 1,040 names put in the wheel last year, and a similar number will be put in this year. Names in the wheel left over from last year will be taken out and destroyed. About 1,040 names have been left over from last year's filling.

An effort is to be made this year to put names of persons in the wheel who will be willing to serve. Often names are drawn out and the parties do not answer the summons. An effort is also to be made to get jurymen who are competent to sit in a case and who will keep the standard of the jury up to where it should be.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET TUESDAY

On Tuesday evening in the borough building the Democrats of Charleroi will hold their suggestion meeting. The committee desires that there be a large number in attendance. It is the purpose to have representative men as candidates for the various offices.

MACHALE WILL COACH W. AND J.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 28.—Frank MacHale, of Charleroi, the former P. C. M. and Tri-State league player, who has coached Washington and Jefferson's baseball teams for two seasons, will be retained for 1909, according to the athletic authorities. There was talk of placing Dr. Walter Cariss, former University of Pennsylvania captain, at the head of active baseball affairs, but Cariss, who has located here for the practice of medicine, says he would not consider the proposition.

In 1906 MacHale developed a team that won the Western Pennsylvania championship, and while he did not do so well last year, he had poorer material to work with. Several men who were ineligible last year on account of scholastic deficiencies and injuries, will be in shape next spring and will be candidates for places.

Preliminary cage practice will start within six weeks. MacHale will not be here to take charge of the squad until the outdoor practice is inaugurated, as he is engaged in business and will not relinquish this until it is necessary.

Manager Jack Sprowls has already arranged games with Wooster, Carnegie Tech, Waynesburg, Bethany, Lehigh and Gettysburg. He is trying to get a series of games with University of Pittsburg. If he can secure grounds he will play Cornell in Pittsburg.

CHARLEROI WOMAN WANTS A DIVORCE

Bessie Belle Stillwagon, of Charleroi, has filed a libel in divorce against her husband, William C. Stillwagon. A subpoena was awarded. The couple were married in Washington April 10, 1906, and lived together until September 1, 1906. Indignities to the person and desertion are the grounds alleged for the divorce.

CHARLEROI THE WINNER

Local Sunday School Wins Out in Contest with Monongahela Body

AHEAD BY 488 POINTS

The contest which has been carried on between the Charleroi and Monongahela Christian church Sunday schools closed yesterday the local body being declared winner by 488 points. The total number of points secured by the local Sunday school was 2212 and the Monongahela 1,724

The contest had been the means of arousing much interest in the Sunday school work and through it there were many additions to the Sunday school. At the local church there was an increase in the average Sunday school attendance, of about 156. As a direct result of the contest there were 18 additions to the local church. The local secretary was Frank Ingold. He and his aids are to be complimented for their excellent work, and the good accomplished.

PROMINENT LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Amanda Watson the wife of John O. Watson, died at her late home at Lock No. 4, this morning at six o'clock of tuberculosis, aged 58 years.

The deceased was born at Greensboro, Pa., June 19, 1870 was married to John O. Watson, June 14, 1893. Of this union there were born two children, James age 14 and Hazel age 12, who with their father survive. She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Green and a brother Geo. W. Green, all of Speers, Pa.

Amanda Watson was a devout Christian woman and beloved by all who knew her. She became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in early life and continued in that faith till death.

Short funeral services will be held at her late home at Lock 4, Wednesday at 9 a. m. The body will be taken to Rices Landing on the 10 o'clock train where the services will be held in Hewitt's church and interment in Hewitt's cemetery.

(Uniontown and Waynesburg papers please copy.)

FRIENDSHIPS BEAT CASINOS, 15 TO 11

The Friendships beat the Casinos in a rough game at the rink on Saturday night in the city Basketball league. There were no particular features in the contest unless it was the all round playing of the Friendships. There one inability to throw baskets offset their other good work however. The lineup:

Friendships—15.		Casinos—11
Clutter	F	Miller
McDermott	F	Oates
Thompson	C	Jackson
Connell	G	Dietz
Gray	G	Barret

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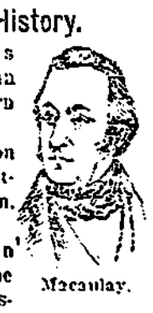

Macaulay.

1825—General James Wilkinson, American soldier, died; born 1757.

1859—Thomas Babington Macaulay, celebrated English historian, died; born 1800.

1870—Marshal Juan Prim, virtually the ruler of Spain, assassinated; born 1814.

1900—Lord George William Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun, died; born 1810.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:36, rises 7:20; moon sets 10:44 p. m.

Christmas Tree Custom Upheld.

The country's forests again have been called upon to supply about four million Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States Forest Service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?"

In the millions of happy homes over the country where the younger generation has made the Christmas tree the center of play since early Friday morning, there are many mothers and fathers who have given the question more or less thought. From Sunday schools and other organizations also, which hold an annual celebration around a gayly trimmed evergreen for the benefit of the little ones, has come the question whether it is consistent to urge conservation of forest resources and then to cut millions of young trees every year to afford a little joy in the passing holiday season.

The Forest Service upholds the Christmas tree custom, but recognizes at the same time, that this indiscriminate cutting of evergreens to supply the holiday trade has produced a bad effect upon many stands of merchantable kinds of trees in different sections of the country.

Germany is conceded to have the highest developed system of forest management of any country, yet its per capita use of Christmas trees is greatest. The cutting of small trees for Christmas is not there considered in the least as a menace to the forest, but, on the contrary, as a means of improving the forest by thinning and as a source of revenue. It is therefore constantly encouraged.

Cases Rare Indeed.

It is astounding that a man could live after having a blade of a pen-knife nearly an inch into his brain, and it is hardly accountable to most of the people, yet nevertheless it is a fact that a Monessen man passed through this very experience. The reason for this, we must leave for the scientific men to determine. There are few cases on record where a human being has escaped death in so remarkable a way, which makes the case assume larger proportions in our minds. It is known that sometimes persons will live if they receive enough of an electrical shock to kill two or three individuals, the effect being partially offset by the immense voltage, but cases of a smilar kind to that described above are indeed rare.

Electric Sparks

The coal dealer would not object to seeing a little more winter such as he saw when a boy.

The wanton hills lie naked to the breeze,
The woods and thickets now are unfrocked,
Bare are the limbs of the shameless trees,
No wonder that the corn is shocked!

A wag wittily suggested the other day that if he ever went to jail he wanted to go now in order to keep in good company.

When one reads the city dailies these times about all the arrests, indictments, trials and sentences he naturally reflects upon his past life to see whether or not he has ever done anything for which he might be called upon to answer.

As if the perils of pedestrianism were not sufficient already an eastern genius has invented an automobile for the blind.

New York's forty-three-story skyscraper will have descenders as well as elevators. Six stories will be underground. The era of cave dwellers appears to be returning.

A discontented person is almost as bigoted as one who is self-satisfied.

Every time two women go to a matinee together they call it a theatre party.

There's sufficient money in circulation, but the trouble is in getting it to circulate our way.

Never judge by outward appearances. A good-looking woman may not be as good as she looks.

Pleasant mutuality exists between Colonel Bryan and Colonel Guffey. The former says he isn't sorry for what happened to Guffey at Denver, and it seems pretty clear that Guffey isn't sorry for what happened to Bryan at the polls.

The disappearance of $7,000,000 from the Lisbon city treasury betrays the lingering crudeness of municipal high finance in the Old World. Nobody breaks the safe or palms the coin of an American city. It is more artistic to dally with contracts.

A Chicago woman says men have not time to visit the art galleries, and therefore it is the duty of every woman to be a Venus. As a peripatetic art gallery lovely woman is a success. Many men are devoted lovers of art.

Well, whether you did your Christmas shopping early or late, you will not have to do it for another year—unless you take advantage of the bargain counter.

A Marie Cahill Song Free.

The words and music, complete, of the best song from "The Boys and Betty," now appearing at Wallack's theatre, Broadway, New York, will be given with the New York Sunday World next Sunday. Marie Cahill's songs are always good, and this one is unusually so. Every night it receives three and four curtain calls. The title is "I Love to Go Shopping." Miss Cahill is one of the most popular women on the stage, and a song from her show is always welcomed. Music by arrangement with Maurice Shapiro.

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Prescelle will introduce numerous sketches during the engagement at the Monessen Opera House this week. The experiments are lengthy and brilliant. The lectures are brief and to the point. Prescelle will positively create more fun than a farce comedy. Why? Because the scenes in hypnotism are the very essence of comedy. The entertainment are created for laughter, with now and then a scientific turn to interest the student. Clean, moral, instructive laughable, are the qualities that make up an attraction that never fails to please all classes. Polite vaudeville between the scenes.

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Washing Black Lace.

Black lace should not be washed unless it is decidedly dirty, but should be well shaken to remove as much dust as possible and then dipped in a solution of deep blue gum water. When the lace has become dirty and brownish in color the best plan is to wash it in soapsuds and then rinse and stiffen it in deep blue water, to which the gum water has been added. The deep blue water will help to restore the lace to its original black.

The lace should be all rolled in an old cloth for a short time and then pinned out with the cloth between it and the sheet, as it imparts a blue stain, which it would be necessary to remove from the sheet.

When the lace is quite dry remove the pins and place a piece of tissue paper over it. Iron it with the paper between it and the iron. If the iron is placed directly on the lace it will leave a gloss on it which is not pretty and which stamps it as "washed lace."

For Inflamed Eyelids.

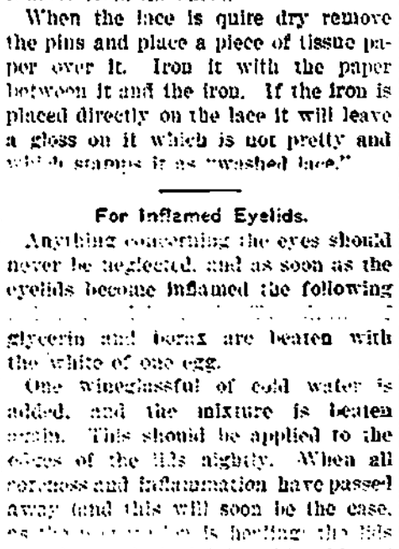
Anything concerning the eyes should never be neglected, and as soon as the eyelids become inflamed the following glycerin and borax are beaten with the white of one egg.

One wineglassful of cold water is added, and the mixture is beaten again. This should be applied to the edges of the lids nightly. When all soreness and inflammation have passed away (and this will soon be the case, as this mixture is healing the lids may be touched nightly with white of egg beaten with three times the quantity of cold water.

This must be freshly made each night. The preparation is astringent and should be applied as a film only and with the finger tips. In case any unpleasant tightness from accidental overuse should appear it may be remedied by bathing in cold water.

A Table Convenience.

Through the ingenuity of a New York restaurant man corn on the cob may now be eaten without annoyance. This man has devised a combination corn holder which not only keeps the ear from rolling off one's plate, but also enables the diner to manipulate it by means of a rod at either end and avoid smearing the fingers. The holder is here shown:



CORN COB HOLDER.

It consists of a trough a little longer and wider than an ear of corn and with slots in its end walls. Two pins, with knobs to which to hold them, are thrust into the ends of the ear. When eating, the ear on the rod can be held by these handles, and when the ear is all down it can be placed in the trough without fear that it will roll off the plate and leave a track of salve butter on the hostess' snowy linen.

How to Insert Ribbon.

When drawing ribbon through beading for a waist cut ribbon in two lengths. Ribbon pulled in half and start in the opposite direction leaves ribbon each way. This will be found much easier and is half the work, as the ribbon will not be so crushed. For a sweater cover, start in the center of the back. The neatest and quickest way to run ribbon in a child's dress is to open the seam on the wrong side and lace with narrow tape or open seam on right side and lace with fancy ribbon.

Cleaning Velveteen.

To clean velveteen make a thick lather with a good brand of soap and wash through just as you would a blanket. The water should be removed by pressure, as twisting is likely to produce a shaded appearance. After the water is removed the velveteen should be well shaken and hung in front of the fire, with the right side toward the heat, which will raise the pile as the water passes away. When it is dry place over a thick blanket and iron on the wrong side.

Calla Lilies.

Beat three eggs and a rounding cupful of sugar together, add two-thirds cupful of flour and one-half teaspoonful of lemon flavoring. Drop in teaspoonfuls on a buttered sheet, allowing plenty of room to spread in baking. Bake in a moderate oven, take up with a knife and roll at once into lily shape. Bake but four or five at a time, because if the cakes cool even a little they will break. Fill each with a little beaten and sweetened cream.

Remedy For Coughing.

Often a severe spell of coughing can be checked by drinking as quickly as possible a glassful of cold water. If one is subject to spells of coughing at night, try this remedy, which, it is claimed, never fails: Wring a cloth out of strong carbolic acid water just before getting into bed and hang it over the head of the bed. The whiff of odor from the cloth will prevent the cough.

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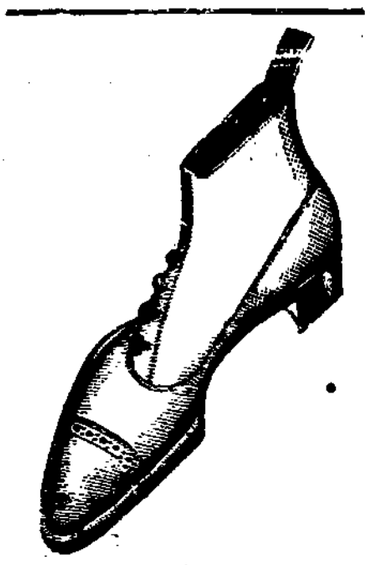

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"That fellow doesn't know the first thing about the etiquette of the baby carriage," remarked one of a group of men at Thirty-first and Main streets.

The comment was made to all in a general way. One of the group, the man with a frayed collar and a look of patient resignation, gazed anxiously at a couple about to board a car. The mother was sparring in a desperate sort of way with one of those baby carriages which shop salesmen can open and close in a minute and the users in from five to thirty minutes.

"Don't see anything wrong with that," said the man with the frayed collar. "He's got to hold the baby even if she does have to wrestle with the carriage. You don't think he ought to hold the baby and take care of the carriage, too, do you?"

"Well, there's one thing sure," rejoined the objector—"the man doesn't know a thing about baby carriage etiquette. What you want to do it this: If the baby weighs more than the carriage, it's the man's place to hold the baby. If the carriage weighs more, he should hand the baby to his wife."

"Oh, piffle!" interpolated the man with the big black cigar. "You're way off. What he ought to do is to hand the baby to his wife and the carriage [illegible] conductor."—Kansas City Star.

"You see, any article left in my car is mine if no one puts in a claim for it within six weeks. The six weeks were up yesterday, and the company told me to take the cuss away."

"Too bad," said the passenger.

"Rotten," said the conductor.—Kansas City Newsboy.

"Marriage by Halter."

Among the [illegible] of the [illegible] Birth it was [illegible] that a wife bought with money or goods was legally married if the purchaser led her off the way home by a halter.

Mr. Baring Gould, the English antiquarian, told of a village poet known to him who bought a wife for a half crown and led her twelve miles to his cottage. The squire and the rector protested to the village poet that he was not legally wedded.

"Why, yes I be," he replied. "I'll take my Bible oath I never once took the halter off till she'd crossed the doorsill and the door was shut."

The latest instances of such wife sales occurred in 1858 and 1859, when women were sold in Little Horton and in Dudley. In these cases a blue ribbon took the place of the straw halter.

"Sir, I do not," answered Dr. Whately. "One wears the cross on his miter and the other wears it on his back!" explained the tactless officer. "Do you know the difference between an aide-de-camp and an ass?" asked the archbishop calmly in return. "No, your grace, I do not," was the reply. "Neither do I!" said his grace.—Liverpool Mercury.

Greeley's Writing.

During the early part of the nineteenth century the bad writing of great men became almost a byword. In fact, poor writing was considered by some people as almost a sign of genius. Horace Greeley was such a poor writer that his correspondents were sometimes obliged to guess at his meaning. It is related that a reporter on the New York [illegible], who received a letter from Greeley discharging him presented it as a letter of recommendation to the editor of another paper.

Biblical history of the sacred nations lessons. In Italy in the eighteenth century it was customary to issue packs of cards with Old Testament scenes engraved upon them. In Germany of the same period playing cards with fables to which moral were attached were customary. French playing cards of the time of Louis XIV. were used to teach geography and history, while in the England of Elizabeth and the Stuarts playing cards were used as political pamphlets. Most valuable were cards issued in France at the time of the French revolution, when figures of Genius, Liberty and Equality took the place of kings, queens and knaves.—London Saturday Review.

A Bibulous Lord Mayor.

Any one with a love of queer names should study the names of past lord mayors of London. Besides one or two that are merely uncommon and did not belong to men of any distinction, such as Sir Richard Rich, mayor in 1482, there are some that deserve notice also for the sake of the men who bore them. There was Sir John Bruggas in 1520, whose ancestor fought at Agincourt, when, curiously enough, the name had the more modern form of Brydges. There was Alderman Micajah Perry in 1739, who laid the first stone of the Mansion House, and Sir Benjamin Hamet, who was fined £1,000 in 1797 for refusing to act as mayor—positively a cheap way of getting out of it.

Some Doubts.

New Curate—How's your wife, Jabez? Jabez—'Er's very doubtful, measter. 'Er doubts as 'er won't get better and 'er doubts as 'er won't [illegible]. Punch.

BRADLEY'S BUILDING.

By ANDREW PHAIL.

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It was a tiny little island. The year before Dick Staley had threatened to come back some day and carry it off in a shoe box. But such as it was it was Barton Bradley's own, and he was immensely proud of his possession.

Four years earlier his physician had ordered him to spend the summer in the woods to escape an impending attack of "nerves." He had rented this little island from its woodsman owner and had spent a delightful summer chopping his own wood, frying his own bacon and in the intervals planning the play that had brought him recognition.

His first royalties had gone to pay for the little island, and now, when Bradley pitched his tent early in May, he went to work to build a log hut that should form a more permanent camp.

Since success had come he was in a position to build a camp as elaborate as the steam heated structures which masqueraded as camps in the fashionable colony at the upper end of the lake, but Bradley would have none of these.

As far as possible the camp should be his own handiwork. He even rebelled at the necessity for assistance in raising the logs when the walls reached a height of five feet, preferring to handle the heavy logs.

He made the island his sanctuary and a thing apart from the busy months of the winter season. No one save Staley had ever been invited to the place, and only the guide who sometimes came to see that all was well or leave mail when Bradley lacked the time to row down to the little village ever braved the "No Trespass" signs with which the shore bristled.

So it happened that Bradley, tramping over his five acre domain, was astonished to see a canoe on the shore and a girl calmly eating a late lunch under the very sign forbidding a landing.

She was undeniably a pretty girl, with crisp brown curls escaping from a tam-o'-shanter and straying over a cheek on which the red showed bravely through the tan.

Bradley approved her costume of brown. It was so unlike the frocks of the fashionables, who dressed not for the woods, but for the men in camp and with an eye for spectacular effect.

But notwithstanding the fact that Bradley approved of the slender, well built figure he resented the intrusion on his island.

He hated the fashionable crowd, and here was one at his very door, perhaps the advance guard of a horde of fish hunters who would overrun the place and [illegible] him that they didn't [illegible] plays even while their conversation showed that they had been more intent upon the chatter in the box than upon the dialogue on the stage. It was this habit of using the boxes for social visits that had first given Bradley his distaste for society.

"It is too bad that you cannot read," he said, with what was intended to be cutting sarcasm, though insensibly his voice softened as he looked into two glorious brown eyes.

"[illegible] you mean?" demanded the girl, with a laugh and a meaning glance at the forbidding sign, "but I was tired paddling, and when I saw you at work on the hut I knew that the owner was not home, and I supposed that the sign was enforced only when the owner was here. Can you [illegible]?"

"I could if you'd like the [illegible] but I'm not appreciating solitudes and do it only once."

"I'm hungry, though, so I'm [illegible]," she explained, with a little moue. "But I always carry more than I need."

Bradley looked into the brown eyes and was lost. He accepted a sandwich and sank down on a log opposite the one on which she was sitting.

"Who is the host?" she asked. "Who won't let us land on this little Eden?" demanded the girl.

"He's a New York chap," explained Bradley nonchalantly. "He doesn't like the people at the upper end of the lake, and he stuck those signs up."

"Thereby preventing me from finding a refuge from the play campers," said the girl severely. "He should change the sign to read, 'No Trespassing by People Who Do Not Understand.' There are people even up there who love the woods and hate the poor imitation of Newport. Newport," she added in explanation, "is a fashionable colony down on the Rhode Island shore."

"I've heard of it," assented Bradley, the scene of whose latest comedy had been laid in that very resort. He was glad that this girl mistook him for a guide. It would be a pity to undeceive her and place their impromptu acquaintance upon a coldly formal basis.

She chatted of the lake and the woods, and Bradley more than ever admired her when she grew eloquent regarding the beauties of his beloved lake. It formed a common bond of sympathy.

The girl forgot that she was talking to a guide, and Bradley in turn forgot that she was a member of the hated colony of fashionable folk who were doing their best to make the lake as artificial as themselves.

It was a good two hours before his visitor sprang up with an exclamation of surprise that she should have lingered so long, and with a little sigh of regret Bradley watched her paddle

Advice to Anglers.

Of all the sports that many men
Are looking for and wishing
To take a hand in now and then
By far the best is fishing.

So get a rod and line and hook,
Impale a worm or cricket,
Strike for a river, lake or brook
An open land or thicket.

Should flies be thick or weather wet,
Pray, "don't get in a pucker."
Have patience, friend, and soon you'll get
A catfish, trout or sucker.

Should you take home when night appears
A little fish's corpus
Don't tell your friends in after years
'Twas big as any porpoise.
—A. L. L. in Forest and Stream.

A Modern Convenience.

A British lord of the admiralty whose knowledge of nautical detail was limited, was recently taking his first trip in a rather leaky vessel when he observed the men working the pumps. "Dear me," he said, "I did not know you had a well on board, captain, but I'm really glad you have, for I detest sea water."—Harper's Weekly.

Necessity the Mother.

"Who got up those hanging gardens of Babylon?"

"Some king."

"For what purpose?"

"I judge he wanted to outwit the [illegible]."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Always Tired.

Political Candidate—Which way do the farm hands lean around here? Farmer Ryetop—Well, stranger, around plowing and planting time you will see them leaning against the barn or fence every time your back is turned.—Deseret News.

Expensive.

"I should never have thought that studying would have cost so much money."

"Yes, father, and if you only knew how little I have studied!"—Judge.

Everything unknown is taken for magnificent.—Greek Proverb.

Exactly So.

"Pa," said little Willie, who has been reading a cigar store advertisement, "what's imported and domestic?"

"A servant girl," replied pa promptly.—Philadelphia Press.

Some Satisfaction.

It costs a lot to live these days,
More than it did of yore.
But, when you stop to think of it,
It's worth a whole lot more.
—Judge.

Appropriate.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is a pneumatic tire?

Pa—It's a name that is sometimes applied to a bore, my son.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

When She Got Them.

Next fall the summer girl will sing
Of the seaside and its charm,
Although her tan and freckles are
Products of her uncle's farm.
—Pittsburg Post.

Not His Ambition.

"I see they are experimenting with a machine for laying the dust."

"Humph! I would rather experiment with one for raising it."—Baltimore American.

As Artists Know.

That "art is long" that time worn gruff
Stone folks will tell you;
It's often scarcely long enough
For making both ends meet.
—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Cold Deal.

Beatitt—By the way, don't you own some stock in the ice trust?

Landlubber—I did own a few but they froze me out.—Chicago News.

Keeps Love Waiting.

Love, [illegible] by the way,
[illegible]
Till the [illegible] some can find
The coin [illegible]
—Detroit Tribune.

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Daisy's Demise.

By [illegible]

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"Billy," announced Daisy solemnly, "I gotter die."

Billy Seaton's big blue eyes grew round with surprise.

"Don't," he urged. "Tommy Bladley's birthday party is next week, and they're goin' to have five kinds of cake and three kinds of ice cream. Billy was sick last year and this is last year's party too."

"I'm not going to be dead that long," explained Daisy. "This is only a little dead."

"I don't see no fun in dying just for a little while," scorned Billy, his fears allayed. "If I was to die I'd want to stay dead—but I don't want to die," he added hastily.

"I don't want to," admitted Daisy, "but I gotter. You know my lace shawl?"

Billy nodded. He had reason for remembering the lace shawl. He had been spanked for throwing a bit of jelly cake at Daisy when she was wearing it. It was old and yellow, but they had made a terrible fuss about it.

"I cut a teenty piece offen it," continued Daisy. "It was the littlest bit of a piece, but"—her voice hushed to an awed whisper—"I'm goin' to be spanked when ma gets home tonight."

Billy nodded understandingly. It was Mrs. Dunlop's principle to permit at least twelve hours to elapse between the detection and punishment of juvenile offenses, during which period the culprit was permitted to suffer

"ALL THE SAME, PROMPT PAYMENTS MAKE GOOD FRIENDS."

these agonies of anticipation far more effective than the gentle spanking which constituted the nominal expiration.

Billy preferred his mother's plan, in which the sole of the maternal slipper followed hot upon the heels of discovery, and he regarded the tiny culprit compassionately.

"Ma won't be back until 4," said [illegible]. "You'll help me, won't you, Billy?"

Billy nodded, and so it happened that when Mrs. Dunlop appeared on the piazza of the summer resort hotel to ask if any one had seen her small daughter not even Alice, Daisy's elder sister, could give any information.

At this opportune moment appeared Billy from the road leading from the small stream by courtesy called a river. In one hand he carried a pail of frogs and in the other a battered and dripping wreck that once had been a straw hat.

With a scream which startled the other guests Mrs. Dunlop hurried across the lawn toward the approaching boy, for her mother's eyes had recognized the headgear which to others was still a shapeless mass of wet straw.

"Where did you get Daisy's hat, Billy?" demanded the frantic mother.

"Found it," was the prompt response. "I was down below the dam huntin' frogs and this came over the dam."

"It is my Daisy's," sobbed the frantic mother, clasping the wet thing to her breast. "She cut up her lace shawl that had been my own grandmother's to make a dress for her doll, and I told her that she should have a whipping when I came back from the village. The poor, sensitive little thing has drowned herself."

In an instant all was confusion. Kindly hands led the mother back to the plazza and the men at once organized searching parties. Alice Dunlop numbered her conquests by the score, and each suitor was hopeful that by recovering her sister, dead or alive, he should win a gratitude that should later turn the scales in his favor.

Paul Findlay was one of these, though to do him justice he would have acted as quickly without the incentive. He was hurrying across the lawn when a puggy hand tugged at his coat and drew him toward a clump of shrubbery.

"Cross your breast never to tell," obligated Billy.

Paul gave the desired assurance.

"An' give me your big jackknife," bartered Billy.

"And the knife," assented Paul.

"You know the old mill?" reminded Billy. "Not the new one by the road, but the one where the dam used to be? Say coo-ee three times. Remember, you promised I was to give it away."

Paul nodded and [illegible] the self satisfied manager of the [illegible] went in search of [illegible]

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The Elephant at Bay.

Twenty years of experience tells me that a whole regiment of lions cannot produce the same moral effect as one twelve foot African tusker when he cocks his big, sail-like ears, draws himself up to his full height and looks at you, letting off at the same time a blood curdling scream, while in all probability others invisible to you are stampeding on all sides with the din and vibration of an earthquake. Surrounded in a dense jungle by a herd of elephants, they seem to block out the whole horizon. One I measured was actually sixteen feet from edge of ear to edge of ear. No wonder my insignificant self seemed to shrivel and my huge express rifle to dwindle into a mere pea shooter. Try as I will on such occasions, I can never overcome my sense of terror and always feel inclined to throw down my elephant gun and run for safety till I drop.—W. G. Fitz-Gerald in Success Magazine.

The Too Faithful Dog.

A party of young Australians wanting a fish dinner filled a bottle with dynamite, attached a waterproof fuse and flung it into a pool in a creek. One of them had a retriever who had been taught to retrieve anything flung into the water, and the bottle had hardly touched the surface before Watch was after it. They yelled at him to leave it alone, but he paid no attention and soon was swimming shoreward with the fizzing bomb in his mouth. The young men ran for their lives, and the poor beast, thinking it all a great joke, came galloping after. He was within twenty yards of the bank just when there was a stunning crash. Two of the men were thrown down, though fortunately not badly hurt. But of the unfortunate dog hardly a trace was left.—Fry's Magazine.

The Strainer.

It was the first time she had ever used a telephone, and the drug clerk detected the fact by the nervous way in which she held the receiver.

"Dear me!" she exclaimed timidly. "Why are all those sievelike holes in the mouthpiece?"

"They are there for a purpose," replied the drug clerk solemnly.

"What purpose?"

"Why, so you can strain your voice."

And she was so embarrassed she forgot the number she was to call up.

One Use For Chalk.

"I read in some paper the other day," the young man said, "of the arrival of a shipload of chalk, and I wondered what under the canopy anybody could want of a shipload of chalk and what they use chalk for anyway.

"Going home last night I got half a dozen little spatters of mud on my shirt bosom and collar, and I'd got to go out again right away, and I really didn't have time to change my apparel, but there were those spatters of mud.

[illegible] mate, who knows several things, and he went to his chiffonier and got out a piece of chalk, with which he deftly chalked over those little mud spots so that they didn't show.

"There," he said, 'I guess they'll go all right now at night.'

"And they did. I am still wondering what anybody should want of a shipload of chalk, but I have now discovered at least one of chalk's uses."

Church and Clergy.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada has elected as moderator Rev. F. B. Duvall of Knox church, Winnipeg, formerly of Toledo, O., and Wilmington, Del.

Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Farley intend to assist at the eucharist congress in London next September, going afterward to Rome to visit the pope. It is expected that they will be present at the consistory which will be held at the close of the papal jubilee.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Campbell, for seven years pastor of the Wagoner Place United Presbyterian church of St. Louis, has resigned to accept the presidency of the Franklin Cooperational university at New Athens, O. Dr. Campbell has been a minister for twenty-five years and has held pastorates in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

The Rev. Dr. William R. Jenvey, who recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his rectorship of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Hoboken, N. J., prides himself on the fact that in the whole course of his ministry he has missed only one church service which he was scheduled to hold. A severe attack of grip, which confined him to his bed, was responsible for his one absence.

Word Painting.

Mrs. Bradley, when questioned by a fellow traveler in the Pullman car in regard to her home, launched forth into a rather long and detailed description of its charms. Her little girl, Grace, who had been reading when she began to speak, soon closed her book and listened with great interest.

"It must be very pleasant," remarked the chance acquaintance, somewhat perfunctorily, when Mrs. Bradley finished, and Grace, her eyes gleaming with enthusiasm, said: "Oh, it must be perfectly lovely! What place is it, mamma?"

"Why, our own home, of course," answered the mother, somewhat embarrassed.

"Oh, dear," said Grace, sighing, "how much better it sounds than it looks!"—Youth's Companion.

Need and Needs.

Perhaps many persons have wondered why we are taught to say "He need not do that" instead of "He needs not do that," as the singular pronoun, he, requires under ordinary conditions the singular form of the verb. The reason is that in a sentence of that kind, a negative sentence, expressing requirement or obligation, "need" becomes an auxiliary and takes no change of termination in the third person singular. This exception is laid down in the grammars.—Chicago News.

The Iron Crown.

The iron crown of Lombardy, so called from the narrow iron band within it supposed to have been beaten out of one of the nails used at the crucifixion, was probably first worn by Agilulph at his coronation in 591. The historic crown after gracing the brows of such sovereigns as Charlemagne, Henry of Luxemburg, Frederick IV., Charles V. and the great Napoleon was in 1866 given up to Victor Emmanuel and is now preserved with great care at Monza, near Milan.

MAKING A WILL.

If You Draw Up Your Own, Stick to the Most Simple Terms.

"If the people," said a lawyer, "who for whatever reason prefer to draw wills without resorting to legal advice would keep just one thing in mind a lot of trouble would be saved. It is nothing save insistence on simplicity. Simplicity is the main thing to make a will effective, and apparently it is the one thing that the will makers forget about. High sounding words and half remembered law phrases come to their minds, and into the documents these verbal extravagances go. There appears to be a popular impression that, for example, to say 'I give and bequeath' is a stronger way of saying 'I give.' Again, take the matter of directions. Here a desire to be explicit frequently results in contradictions, and the longer a sentence in a will is the more likelihood there is of its being open to misinterpretation.

"No will should be drawn without at least a couple of drafts having been made of it, each one being gone over carefully with the idea of simplifying and clarifying it. Give the time to it that the importance of the action demands. Know what you want to do and study out the best way of expressing yourself. Don't put off making a will. I'm superstitious enough to consider that tempting fate. And when a will is drawn remember that it has no legal binding unless the signature is witnessed by two persons, who must themselves witness the document in the presence of the testator and each other."—New York Press.

Lost Arts.

Linnaeus, the great botanist, possessed the art of producing pearls by piercing the shells of oysters in a peculiar manner and probably by inserting something in the opening thus formed.

The art of making gold artificially was long sought after and is allowed to have been discovered several times. A Swede who was sentenced to death agreed to reveal the secret to Charles XII. in return for his life and showed a deposit of gold in one of his crucibles. Charles, however, was inexorable, and the successful alchemist was executed.

The art of making unbreakable glass was discovered by a Roman inventor, who was put to death for his pains by Tiberius lest this discovery should depreciate in value the elaborate gold and silver goblets, gem bestudded, which were then in fashion.

The art of mixing unfading colors was known to ancient painters, but invariably eludes the moderns. Probably the ingredients used were not similar.

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Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. James Binns of Fayette City spent Sunday in Charleroi with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Parsons, of Fallowfield avenue.

Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Wright of Crest avenue, have returned from Lionsville where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. H. Teitelbaum is spending the day in Pittsburg with friends.

Mrs. J. T. Lindsay of Washington avenue has returned from Bellwood where she spent several days with relatives.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDonough and daughter Miss Bertie of Fifth street have returned home from Claysville where they spent a few days with the former's son, Dr. Oscar T. McDonough.

Miss Maud Spidell of Bedford, the milliner at Berryman's left this morning for her home, where she will remain until the opening of the spring season.

Mrs. W. C. Clark and children left this morning for Beaver Falls where they will visit for a week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCullough after spending a few days in Charleroi with friends and relatives have left for their home in Beaver Falls.

Mrs. L. H. Sage and son Phillip, after a several days visit with the former's mother, Mrs. H. Schnelbaugh of Fallowfield avenue have left for their home in Toronto, Canada.

Rev. H. C. Boblitt is in Pittsburg transacting business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gleason of Scottdale after spending Christmas in Charleroi with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wilson left last evening for their home.

S. B. Guseman of Carmichaels after a short visit in Charleroi with friends left this morning for Punxsutawney where he will visit a few days with relatives.

Big Production.

Miners in the Coeurd' Alene district in northern Idaho, called "The millionaire factory," will produce 150,000 tons of lead this year, or 37 per cent of the total output in the United States. In addition, there will be 7,000,000 ounces of silver and several million dollars in copper, gold and zinc. The value of the output of metals in the district since A. J. Pritchard, a prospector, made the discovery of gold in 1884, is placed at $100,000,000 apportioned as follows: Lead, $121,653,550; silver, $55,826,140; copper, $6,725,000; gold, $5,550,000, zinc, $845,000.

Car Surplus Shows Increase.

Arthur Hale, chairman of the car efficiency committee of the American Railway association, has issued another bulletin showing an increase in surplus freight equipment. While the total of December 9 was 175,643, an increase of 42,814 cars, it is in part accounted for by the fact that about 10,000 cars have been released from repair shops, making the net 32,814. Shortages reported from various remote sections of the country, which in November had attained some proportions, have been materially reduced, those remaining being scattered and unimportant. The surplus of the country now stands at the highest figure since the beginning of September.

In the Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan section the surplus increase is about 2,500 cars, while other groups depending upon the coal and iron trade show corresponding increases. The Ohio district is partly accounted for by the fact that the lake navigation season has closed and production of coal has decreased about one-third.

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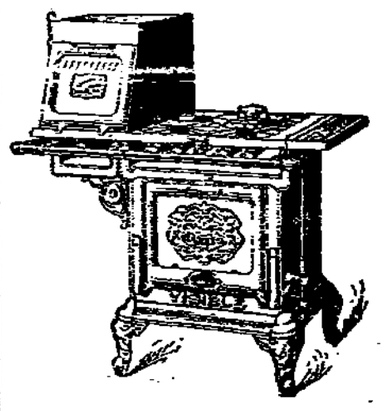

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